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1. INDICATIONS THAT NORTH KOREA HAS BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN
INDENTIFYING ITSELF WITH THE THIRD WORLD HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY
INDIAN VISITORS TO HONG KONG RECENTLY. AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST INTERVIEW NOVEMBER 3 REPORTED THAT
GODEY MURAHARI (SPEAKER OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE INDIAN
PARLIAMENT) FOLLOWING A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO NORTH KOREA, SAID
THAT KIM IL-SUNG APPEARED TO BE LOSING FAITH WITH THE BIG
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POWERS, WAS EAGER TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE THIRD WORLD, AND HAD

CALLED ON NINDIA AS A LEADER IN THE THIRD WORLD TO INITIATE AN ATTEMPT TO BRING THE TWO KOREAS TOGETHER (ARTICLE BEING POUCHED).

2. DURING A NOVEMBER 9-12 HONG KONG VISIT, V.K. KUMAR, CONSELOR IN THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG, TOLD A WESTERN JOURNALIST THAT NORTH KOREA IS NOW MORE OPEN TO CONTACT WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. KIM IL-SUNG HIMSELF WAS REPORTEDLY SERIOUSLY STUDYING THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, AND RECENTLY SPENT SEVEN HOURS DURING ONE DAY TALKING WITH THE YUGOSLAVIAN AMBASSADOR. ACCORDING TO A HONG KONG INDIAN COMMISSION COLLEAGUE, KUMAR ALSO REMARKED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRC-SOVIET RIVALRY FOR NORTH KOREAN FAVOR THAT THE CHINESE CURRENTLY APPEARED TO HAVE THE EDGE. KUMAR CLAIMED THE PRC WAS COMMITTED TO SUPPLY NORTH KOREA WITH A MILLION TONS OF OIL (NO TIME PERIOD MENTIONED) AND HAVE RECENTLY ADDED 60,000 MORE TONS AS A SWEETENER.
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